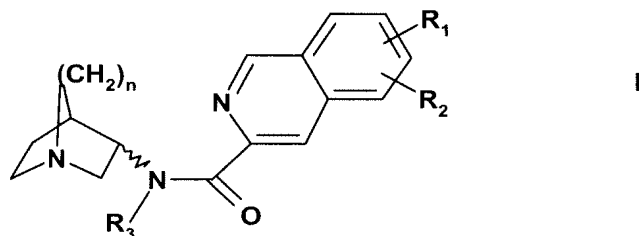


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I



wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , independently, are hydrogen,  $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, halogen, hydroxy,  $(C_{1-4})$ alkoxy, di $(C_{1-4})$ alkylamino,  $(C_{1-4})$ alkylthio, cyano or trifluoromethyl,  $R_3$  is hydrogen or  $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl and  $n$  is 1 or 2, in free base or acid addition salt form,

wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide,

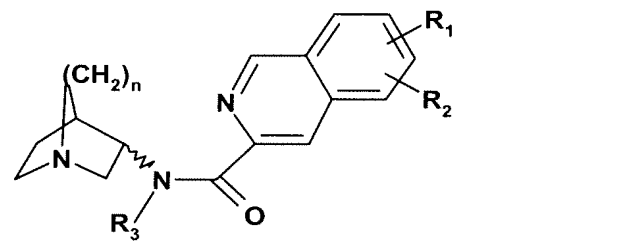
isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide,

6-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide,

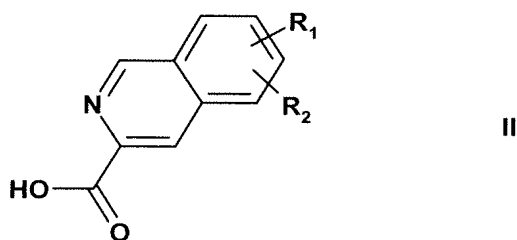
8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl} amide, and

8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide.

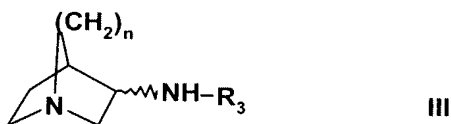
Claim 2. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as ~~defined in claim 1,~~



wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , independently, are hydrogen,  $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl, halogen, hydroxy,  $(C_{1-4})$ alkoxy, di $(C_{1-4})$ alkylamino,  $(C_{1-4})$ alkylthio, cyano or trifluoromethyl,  $R_3$  is hydrogen or  $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl and  $n$  is 1 or 2, or a salt thereof, which comprises the step of reacting a compound of formula II



wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are as defined ~~in claim 1~~ above, with a compound of formula III



wherein R<sub>3</sub> and n are as defined ~~in claim 1~~ above, and recovering the resulting compound of formula I in free base or acid addition salt form.

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form, in association with a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.

Claims 6-8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

~~isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl}-amide,~~  
~~isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl}-amide,~~  
~~6-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl}-amide,~~  
~~8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl}-amide, and~~  
~~8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl}-amide~~  
isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide,  
isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide,  
6-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide, and

8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl} amide.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is ~~isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl} amide~~ isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide.

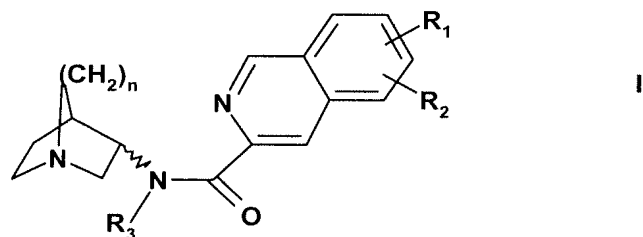
Claim 11. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is ~~isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl} amide~~ isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is ~~6-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl} amide~~ 6-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is ~~8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl} amide~~ 8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl} amide.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is ~~8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-2-yl} amide~~ 8-fluoro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid {(S)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl}-amide.

Claim 15. (New) A compound of formula I



wherein

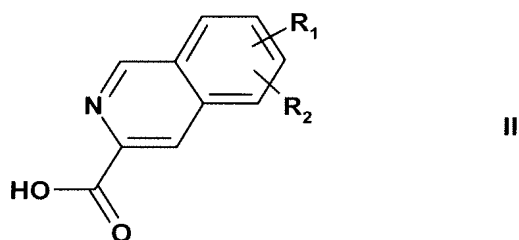
$R_1$  and  $R_2$ , independently, are hydrogen or fluorine;

$R_3$  is hydrogen or  $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl; and

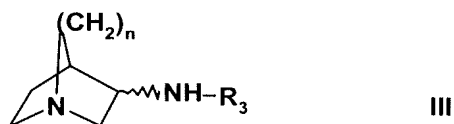
$n$  is 2;

in free base or acid addition salt form.

Claim 16. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 15, or a salt thereof, which comprises the step of reacting a compound of formula II



wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are as defined in claim 15, with a compound of formula III



wherein  $R_3$  and  $n$  are as defined in claim 15, and recovering the resulting compound of formula I in free base or acid addition salt form.

Claim 17. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 15 in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form, in association with a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.